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1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH HEAD EAST AFRICAN DEPT EWANS, WE MENTIONED RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRIND AND KEELEY IN KAMPALA CONCERNING US REPRESENTATION OF BRITISH INTERESTS IN UGANDA SHOULD BREAK IN RELATIONS OCCUR. EWANS SAID THAT BRIND'S APPROACH HAD BEEN STIMULATED SOLELY BY BRITISH CONCERN THAT WITH AMERICAN MISSION IN KAMPALA BEING REDUCED IN STRENGTH AND AMERICAN PRESENCE IN UGANDA DIMINISHING, WE MIGHT NO LONGER BE WILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRITISH INTERESTS SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY. HE SAID THAT, IN FACT, UK-UGANDAN RELATIONS HAD STABILIZED RECENTLY AND THERE WERE NO NEW DIFFICULTIES APPARENT ON THE HORIZON WHICH MIGHT CAUSE A FURTHER DETERIORATION. HE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CATCH AMIN'S EAR AND EXPLAIN TO HIM HOW MUCH WHOLESALE TAKEOVER OF BRITISH FIRMS IN UGANDA WOULD HARM ECONOMY.

2. IN REGARD TO FORTHCOMING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, EWANS VOLUNTEERED THAT IF AMIN WERE TO SHOW UP (BRITISH HAVE NO PRECISE INFORMATION ON WHETHER HE WILL ATTEND) PRIME MINISTER HEATH AND/OR FONMIN DOUGLAS-HOME WOULD
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FEEL OBLIGED TO SAY SOMETHING TO INDICATE THEIR CONCERN

ABOUT THE COURSE WHICH UGANDA HAD TAKEN OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO. SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE MADE IN ONE OF THE SCHEDULED INTRA-COMMONWEALTH MEETINGS AND WOULD NOT BE REFLECTED IN FINAL CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE. EWANS SAID THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT BRITISH DELEGATION AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE WOULD CALL FOR THE EXPULSION OF UGANDA FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, INCLUDING FACT THAT MANY EAST AFRICAN LEADERS, WHO APPROVE AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT OF WHAT AMIN IS DOING, WOULD REGARD SUCH A MOTION BY HMG AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

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